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Fidel, Raul Castro Honored by Special Troops

FL2208212588 Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish 1700 GMT 21 Aug 88

[Excerpts] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro and Army General Raul Castro have received a document accrediting them as founders of the special troops.

The main event marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of the general directorate of the special troops was held in Havana. The event was presided over by Division General Jose Abrantes, interior minister, and Division General Pascual Martinez, first vice interior minister. Other party and government leaders, chiefs, and officials of the FAR and Minint [Interior Ministry] and foreign representatives and guests attended.

A 25-year certificate was also presented to the mothers and family members of the martyrs of that veteran unit. [passage omitted]

[Begin recording] [Brigade General Alejandro Roada Marrero, identified by caption] On this highly significant day which recognizes a group of veterans and combative youths who (?represent) the heights of the 75th Angolan [not further identified], we reaffirm the commitment to relentlessly fight the enemy to the last bullet and the last breath. [end recording]

The closing words were made by Div Gen Pascual Martinez.

[Begin recording] [Martinez] We want our commander in chief, Comrade Fidel, to receive our most sincere appreciation for giving us the opportunity to also convey our people's combative solidarity. To you, Commander, leader of our troops, we express the unconditional willingness of all the men of the special troops of the Interior Ministry to fulfill—as we have done up to the present—your orders anywhere, in any way, no matter what they may be. [end recording]

After the ceremony, the museum of the special troops directorate was inaugurated. The museum houses documents and objects of that unit which are of great historical value.

Haiti

Namphy Policies Explained at Jeremie Meeting

FL1908164588 Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in Creole 1300 GMT 18 Aug 88

[Report by correspondent Luckner Laguerre from Grande Anse]

[Excerpt] Yesterday afternoon there was a big meeting at Jeremie city hall of all the members of Club Fraternite in Jeremie. The big communal hall was jam-packed. You could not have squeezed in even an additional pin. The meeting was organized by the development adviser for the first district of Jeremie, Mr Luc Felix.

The members of the club, who filled the hall, were given many good explanations and much good advice during the meeting. Mr Felix explained to the people the good will of the military government headed by President Namphy. He explained to them that General Henri Namphy has many good projects for the development of Haiti. The people listened very attentively. He also told them that the objective of the Fraternite group is to pull Jeremie out of underdevelopment, to give the peasants basic notions of good citizenship, and to help the peasants resolve their economic, agricultural, and health problems with the help of the military government headed by Lt Gen Henri Namphy.

They were also told they must establish close ties of solidarity among the people living in the Grande Anse.

We point out that the people at the meeting were not just from town. The members of the club came from several rural sections. There were even people who came into town on horseback to participate in the meeting. Now and then you would see people coming to join the crowd in the hall and working their way up closer so they could hear the message being given to them.

The speakers were development adviser Felix)and district commander Captain Schiller Dolce, who told them the Army was present and at their service, and that he, too, was there, and would go by and visit them from time to time.

First Sergeant Logaisan also spoke to the audience, telling them they should live as brothers and put their heads together so as to get along.

Magistrate Dechenou Clermont also said a few words to the members of the club. The meeting went off very well, and everyone was very satisfied with it.

A few curious onlookers came to attend the meeting and took that opportunity to join the club. The meeting ended with cries of "Long live President Namphy", "Long live Jeremie", and "Long live the Haitian Army". [passage omitted]

Radio Soleil Views Meeting

FL1908170588 Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil Network in Creole 1100 GMT 18 Aug 88

[Excerpts] There is repression all over the place against assemblies—against youth gatherings and all other kinds of gatherings. Meanwhile, in Jeremie, the military government's development adviser, Luc Felix, a former deputy and deputy issue of the 17 January elections, yesterday organized a big meeting in Jeremie with the help of the military. Our correspondent will give us details.

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Pilots Released by UNITA Forces Return

Met by Fidel, Raul Castro

FL3008180588 Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish 1725 GMT 30 Aug 88

[Text] At the close of our newscast, we have received the following information from the Government of Cuba:

The Cuban internationalist pilots, Lieutenant Colonel Manuel Rojas Garcia and Captain Luis Ramon Quesada Aguilar, arrived in our country today after having been prisoners of the UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] for more than 10 months. The pilots had to parachute from their plane after it was shot down during an exploratory mission in Moxico Province, Angola on Thursday, 28 October 1987. [Video shows President Fidel Castro and Raul Castro greeting men as they disembark from plane]

Since the event occurred, the Government of the Ivory Coast has expressed an interest in obtaining the release of the two pilots.

The two Cuban pilots were released unconditionally by the UNITA on 24 August. UNITA representatives presented the pilots to the Ivory Coast authorities.

During the time they were held captive, the physical safety of the Cuban internationalists was respected.

The Cuban officials returned to our country in the presidential plane of the Ivory Coast. They were accompanied by the Ivory Coast representative to the United Nations, His Excellency Amara Essy, who will make a short visit to Cuba.

The Government of Cuba expresses its appreciation to the Government of the Ivory Coast and, in particular, to its president, His Excellency Houphouet-Boigny, and Ambassador Essy for their humanitarian contribution to the release of our pilots.

The Government of Cuba also appreciates the UNITA's gesture of releasing the two pilots.

Lt Col Manuel Rojas Garcia and Capt Luis Ramon Quesada Aguilar at all times maintained an irreproachable and exemplary conduct.

Accorded Military Honors

FL3108013488 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 31 Aug 88

[Text] After their arrival in the homeland, the Cuban internationalist pilots Lieutenant Colonel Manuel Rojas Garcia and Captain Ramon Quesada Aguilar placed flower wreaths at the Cacahual Mausoleum where the remains of Lieutenant General Antonio Maceo and his assistant, Panchito Gomez Toro, are kept. The tomb of the unforgettable Blas Roca Calderio is also located there.

[Begin recording] [Unidentified uniformed officer] Comrade General of the Army Raul Castro Ruz, minister of the FAR, the troops that will participate in the military ceremony in honor of the internationalist combat pilots who have returned to the fatherland are now in formation. Chief of troops: Colonel Guerrera Ramos. [Camera shows Raul Castro, flanked by both pilots, approaching the mausoleum. A flower wreath is placed by the guard detail. Everyone renders a salute. Another flower wreath is then placed at the tomb of Blas Roca Calderio, and everyone once again salutes.]

[Unidentified Pioneer] Today is a day of joy and revolutionary reaffirmation for all our nation because those who knew how to represent their fatherland with dignity have returned to it. The solitary star of our glorious flag shines with more light today, and all of Cuba welcomes you with pride and infinite love. On behalf of our nation, welcome, comrades. Long live proletarian internationalism! [end recording]

ANAP Seeks To Improve Adult Education

FL2908220688 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1428 GMT 29 Aug 88

[Text] Since its founding, the ANAP [National Association of Small Farmers] has directed its efforts to improving the education and culture of peasant families. Proof of this is the ANAP's participation in the literacy campaign and in the struggles directed toward the sixth and ninth grades. In recent years, this work fell off to such an extent that 1,115 peasants and cooperative members enrolled in labor education courses and 1,252 in secondary level courses. Both figures were far below the plan. Although the ANAP faces serious difficulties because many of its members who would profit from these courses are scattered over large areas, the truth is that its cadres have not systematically undertaken the political and ideological work.

Considering the present state of the work to improve the educational level of peasants and cooperative members, and in the interest of giving the necessary attention to this task, the ANAP's National Executive Bureau has issued instructions in this regard. In its latest analysis on education, the bureau recommended systematic work in course enrollment, retention, and promotion among all eligible members.

The ANAP called for the preparation of a working plan in each province and municipality in coordination with the education sectors that will meet the requirements of enrollment and retention in the various laborer-peasant courses. The ANAP also recommended that the areas included in the Turquino Plan be given priority since most of those who have not attained the required levels